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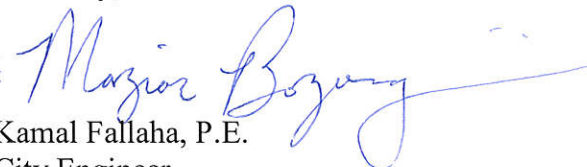
Subject: Development of a Groundwater Management Plan for the City of East Palo Alto

The City of East Palo Alto, a municipal water provider in San Mateo County, has initiated a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) in compliance with the California State Water Code. The City's service area overlies a portion of the San Mateo Subbasin (No. 2-9.03) of the Santa Clara Valley Groundwater Basin; this subbasin has been evaluated by DWR as a Very Low Priority. Consistent with the Water Code, please find attached:

- A copy of the resolution of intent to prepare a Groundwater Management Plan. This resolution was passed by the City Council after a properly-noticed hearing held on October 21, 2014.

We understand that the resolution will be posted on your Groundwater Information Center Website under Groundwater Management Plans. When the GWMP is adopted, we will send an electronic copy of the plan and the final adoption resolution.

Sincerely,

on behalf of 
Kamal Fallaha, P.E.
City Engineer

Enclosed: City of EPA resolution of intent

RESOLUTION NO. 4559

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, TO DRAFT A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City completed the Gloria Way Water Well Production Alternatives Analysis and Water Security Feasibility Study (Todd Engineers, 2012), which recommended further evaluation and testing of additional potential groundwater well sites; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a Groundwater Management Plan is in furtherance of and consistent with the City's Water Master Plan as adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 10753 of the California Water Code permits the adoption and implementation of groundwater management plans to encourage authorized local agencies to manage groundwater resources within their services areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Palo Alto is an authorized local agency and may, therefore, adopt and implement such a Groundwater Management Plan and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 8, 2014, and on October 17, 2014, pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, announcing the City's intention to consider the adoption of a resolution of intention to draft a Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with the California Water Code Section 10753.2; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 21, 2014, to discuss the adoption and implementation of a Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with California Water Code Section 10753.2; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the groundwater can best be managed, as in the past, by the City, in coordination with agencies and owners of properties overlying the groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the adoption of a Groundwater Management Plan will serve to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and property owners by providing a supplemental/emergency water resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto, California, as follows:

Section 1: Adopts this Resolution of Intention to draft a Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with Section 10750, et seq. of the California Water Code, and the City's consultant is hereby authorized and directed to draft such plan.

Section 2: Affirming that this Resolution is a Resolution of Intention in accordance with California Water Code Section 10753.2.

Section 3: Direct the Interim City Manager to publish this Resolution of Intention to draft a Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with the provisions of California Water Code Section 10753.3 and to provide interested persons with a copy of this Resolution upon written request.

Section 4: Authorizes the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and take any other action necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Section 5: Directing the Interim City Manager, once the Groundwater Management Plan has been prepared, to schedule a second public hearing in accordance with California Water Code Section 10753.5 to determine whether to adopt the plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2014, by the following vote:


AYES: ABRICA, GAUTHIER, MARTINEZ, RUTHERFORD, MOODY

NAES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

SIGNED:



Laura Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nora Pimentel, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



John A. Nagel, City Attorney